PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

A Clar.

From the INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY PCT SANTARELLI 14, avenue de la Grande-Armée 75017 Paris COMMUNICATION IN CASES FOR WHICH FRANCE NO OTHER FORM IS APPLICABLE Date of mailing (day/month/year) 30/12/2004 Applicant's or agent's file reference **REPLY DUE** See paragraph 1 below BIF023426(HST)/MPA International application No. International filing date (day/month/year) PCT/IB2004/002625 21/07/2004 Applicant CANON KABUSHIKI KAISHA REPLY DUE within _ _____ iXXXIXs/days from the above date of mailing Х NO REPLY DUE 2. COMMUNICATION: The international search report mailed to you on 22/12/2004 mentioned a total number of pages of 4 on form PCT/ISA/210 (first sheet). However, it should have read 3 pages. Please find enclosed a corrected version of said sheet. We wish to apologise for any inconvenience caused. A copy of this letter and its enclosures has been sent to the International Bureau in Geneva.

Authorized officer

Hans Pettersson

NL-2280 HV Rijswijk

Fax: (+31-70) 340-3016

Name and mailing address of the International Searching Authority

Tel. (+31-70) 340-2040, Tx. 31 651 epo nl,

European Patent Office, P.B. 5818 Patentlaan 2

1

PCT

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference	FOR FURTHER	see Form PCT/ISA/220	
BIF023426/HST/MPA	ACTION	as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No.	International filing date (day/month	/year) (Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year)	
	21 /07 /2004	22/07/2002	
PCT/IB2004/002625	21/07/2004	23/07/2003	
Applicant			
CANON KABUSHIKI KAISHA			
This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.			
This International Search Report consists of a total of sheets.			
X It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.			
 Basis of the report With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item. 			
The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).			
b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.			
2. Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box II).			
3. Unity of invention is lacking (see Box III).			
4. With regard to the title,			
X the text is approved as su	ubmitted by the applicant.		
the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:			
·			
5. With regard to the abstract,			
X the text is approved as su	ibmitted by the applicant.	•	
		is Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant onal search report, submit comments to this Authority.	
6. With regards to the drawings ,			
a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No			
X as suggested by			
	as selected by this Authority, because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.		
as selected by this Authority, because this figure better characterizes the invention.			
b none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.			